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Former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis reportedly has rented a cottage at Springfield Farm in Middleburg, famous for its champion Labradors. She is expected to be spending more time in the area, which has long been one of her favorite places. And she is to compete in the Piedmont Hounds point-to-point race Saturday at the Upperville Horse Show Grounds. She has competed in that race several times in the past few years and usually rides in the morning pairs with former ambassador to Thailand Charles S. Whitehouse.

Meanwhile, the first spy novel that Onassis has edited for Doubleday is coming out next month. The book, "The Samarkand Dimension," was written by Washington journalist and author David Wise. The thriller is Wise's third novel and is about a conflict between the CIA and the KGB on experiments to develop psychic power for military and defense purposes. Wise, an authority on the CIA, spent some time in Samarkand, a remote spot in Central Asia about 150 miles from the Soviet-Afghanistan border. While the book is fiction, Wise says both the CIA and KGB have experimented with psychic powers.